SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 45

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 6, 2004 AS "ESPANOLA VALLEY DAY" AT THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATURE.

WHEREAS, the Espanola valley lies nestled in both Rio
Arriba and Santa Fe counties, is surrounded by the Pueblos of
Santa Clara and San Juan and has a vigorous tricultural
history; and

WHEREAS, 1998 marked the four hundredth anniversary of Hispanic influence in the Espanola valley, commencing in 1598 with the first Spanish settlement in Nuevo Mexico and the opening of the trade route known as El Camino Real, running from Mexico to the Pueblo of San Juan; and

WHEREAS, the legislature honors and promotes cultural diversity, including the strong Hispanic culture and traditions that can be found throughout New Mexico; and .150443.1

WHEREAS, the city of Espanola and the counties of Rio Arriba and Santa Fe exemplify cultural diversity and deeprooted Hispanic traditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 6, 2004 be recognized as "Espanola Valley Day" at the New Mexico legislature, honoring the entire Espanola valley for its diversity of culture and long-standing Hispanic traditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to Mayor Richard L. Lucero of the city of Espanola; Ray Wolf, Espanola city manager; Leroy Salazar, president of the Espanola municipal public school board; councilors Alexandra Vigil, Joseph Maestas, Floyd Archuleta, Patrick Trujillo, Carla Martinez, Peter Valdez, Anthony Vandervossen and J.R. Trujillo; and Commissioner Jack Sullivan of Santa Fe county.

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